

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A composition comprising herbs or botanical or horticultural equivalents of herbs or chemical or functional equivalents of the herbal extracts wherein said composition is effective in the prophylaxis or treatment of an allergic or inflammatory response.

2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The composition according to Claim 1 wherein the effectiveness of the composition is relative to a placebo-controlled trial.

3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The composition according to Claim 2 wherein said herbs in the composition are selected to: -

- (i) keep airways open;
- (ii) invigorate the spleen and digestive system;
- (iii) reinforce the kidney and function of the urinary tract and reproductive tract;
- (iv) eliminate inflammation; and
- (v) promote blood circulation and remove blood stasis.

4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The composition according to Claim 1 wherein the herbs in the composition are selected from the list comprising at least one from ~~five~~ four groups of herbs wherein the first group comprises: Mahuang, Guizhi, Cangerzi, Xinyi, Bohe, Xixin, Xingren, Chaihu, Yinxingye, Baizi and Fangfeng; the second group comprises: Baizhu, Shanyao, Dangshen, Dazao, Gancan, Huangqi and Huangjing; the third group comprises: Tusizi, Roucongrong, Fuzi, Yinyanghuo, Buguzhi, Dihuang and Xianmao; the fourth group comprises: Huangqin, Wumei and Wuweizi; ~~the fifth group comprises: Taoren, Chuanxiong, Danpi and Chishao.~~

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The composition according to Claim 5 4 wherein the composition comprises five or more herbs or extracts of five or more herbs selected from the list comprising:-

the rhizome of *Rehmannia Glutinosa Libosch*, DiHuang; the root of *Scutellaria Baicalenis Georgi*, Huangqin; the rhizome of *Polygonatum Sibiricum Redout*, Huangjing; the leaf of *Ginkgo biloba*, Yinxingye, the leaf of *Epimedium Sagittatum*, Yinyanghuo, the ripe fruit of *Psoralea Corylifolia*, Buguzhi; the fruit of *Schisandra Chinesis Baill*, Wuweizi; the unripe fruit of *Prunus Mume Sieb* without seed, Wumei; the root of *Ledebouriella Divaricata Hiroe*, Fangfeng; the root of *Angelicae Dahuricae*, Baizi; the root of *Astragalus Membranaceus*, ~~Huangqi~~ Huangqi, wherein the composition further comprises at least one kidney-tonifying herb or an extract thereof and at least one herb thereof for respiratory disorders.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of an allergic or inflammatory reaction ~~such as but not limited to a Type I hypersensitivity reaction (e.g. IgE-based allergic reaction) and in particular a respiratory disorder in a mammal~~, said method comprising administering an effective amount of the composition according to Claim 1 for a time and under conditions sufficient to treat or prevent said allergic or inflammatory reaction.

8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to Claim 7 wherein the effectiveness of the composition is ~~related~~ relative to a placebo-controlled trial.

9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to Claim 8 wherein the herbs in the composition are selected to:-

- (i) keep airways open;
- (ii) invigorate the spleen and digestive system;

- (iii) reinforce the kidney and function of the urinary tract and reproductive tract;
- (iv) eliminate inflammation; and
- (v) promote blood circulation and remove blood stasis.

10. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to Claim 7 wherein the herbs are selected from the list comprising at least one from ~~five~~ four groups of herbs wherein the first group comprises: Mahuang, Guizhi, Cangerzi, Xinyi, Bohe, Xixin, Xingren, Chaihu, Yinxingye, Baizi and Fangfeng; the second group comprises: Baizhu, Shanyao, Dangshen, Dazao, Ganciao, Huangqi and Huangjing; the third group comprises: Tusizi, Roucongrong, Fuzi, Yinyanghuo, Buguzhi, Dihuang and Xianmao; the fourth group comprises: Huangqin, Wumei and Wuweizi; ~~the fifth group comprises: Taoren, Chuanxiong, Danpi and Chishao.~~

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to Claim ~~44~~ 10 wherein the composition comprises five or more herbs or extracts of five or more herbs selected from the list comprising:-

the rhizome of *Rehmannia Glutinosa Libosch*, DiHuang; the root of *Scutellaria Baicalenis Georgi*, Huangqin; the rhizome of *Polygonatum Sibiricum Redout*, Huangjing; the leaf of *Ginkgo biloba*, Yinxingye, the leaf of *Epimedium Sagittatum*, Yinyanghuo, the ripe fruit of *Psoralea Corylifolia*, Buguzhi; the fruit of *Schisandra Chinesis Baill*, Wuweizi; the unripe fruit of *Prunus Mume Sieb* without seed, Wumei; the root of *Ledebouriella Divaricata Hiroe*, Fangfeng; the root of *Angelicae Dahuricae*, Baizi; the root of *Astragalus Membranaceus*, ~~Huangqi~~ Huangqi, wherein the composition further comprises at least one kidney-tonifying herb or an extract thereof and at least one herb thereof for respiratory disorders.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (New) A composition comprising the following herbs:-

the rhizome of *Rehmannia Glutinosa Libosch*, DiHuang; the root of *Scutellaria Baicalenis Georgi*, Huangqin; the rhizome of *Polygonatum Sibiricum Redout*, Huangjing; the leaf of *Ginkgo biloba*, Yinxingye, the leaf of *Epimedium Sagittatum*, Yinyanghuo, the ripe fruit of *Psoralea Corylifolia*, Buguzhi; the fruit of *Schisandra Chinesis Baill*, Wuweizi; the unripe fruit of *Prunus Mume Sieb* without seed, Wumei; the root of *Ledebouriella Divaricata Hiroe*, Fangfeng; the root of *Angelicae Dahuricae*, Baizi; and the root of *Astragalus Membranaceus*, Huangqi.